

# Hills has plethora of programs in progress for upcoming year



**CABLE CONNECTION** The year 1997 was a busy one for the City of Farmington Hills Video Production Division.

Video Production Supervisor David Tietmeyer says, "Last year we completed 182 programs — an all time high for the division. This comes to two new programs a week."

And, in 1998, Channel 8 viewers can look for an even greater expansion of the program line up. Four new series are premiering in February: "Teen-Ago," "People and Places" — Farmington Hills History; "Business Beat" and "Farmington Hills Artists in Residence."

"Teen-Ago" is a program

which will be produced by teenagers for teenagers. This will be accomplished through Farmington Hills Youth Centers and the show will highlight issues and concerns that directly affect our teenage population.

The concept of the program is the brainchild of Harrison High freshman David Kishner.

"Farmington Hills People and Places" is a program initiated by the Historical Commission. Viewers will take a close look at the many historical sites in Farmington Hills.

There are about 75 historical homes in our area. Ruth Mochlman and other members of the Commission will walk us through some of the sites.

"Business Beat" will cover unique businesses, products and services in the area. New Economic Development Coordinator Teri Arbenowick will host the program.

If you own a business in the

Hills and see yourself as being on the cutting edge of technology, please don't hesitate to call David Tietmeyer at 473-9561.

Local talent in the arts will be showcased on "Farmington Hills Artists in Residence." All disciplines will be covered — music, dance, sculpture, etc. We may even see some "how-to" programs. Cultural Arts Coordinator Sally Le Pla will host the shows.

So tune into the new program line-up. Make Channel 8 your information station by bringing government into your living rooms.

**MARY LINDA CALDERONE** is media relations coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

The next SWOCC meeting is at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Novi. The next CAC meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at SWOCC.

we were only asking Huron Clinton to provide easement to the Wal-Mart property," said Susan Gross, treasurer. The easement agreement was approved, 5-2, with Gross and Long opposed.

Marty Stoneman, a partner in Pontiac/Haggerty Investment Group, owners of the 100-acre parcel, said the land

should've been built by the big box retailer if the township had forbidden access to the easement.

"We're looking at it for com-

mercial development, but our condition was that we wouldn't sell to Wal-Mart if our last 5-acres were landlocked," Stoneman said.

The easement has been a key point in the agreement between the township and Wal-Mart

developers. Because it was need-

ed by Wal-Mart, township offi-

cials were able to request the

national retailer make some aes-

thetic changes to the exterior of

the building so it would blend with surrounding businesses.

Stoneman helped township officials with the new Wal-Mart deal.

"When Wal-Mart first came in,

it was not anything close to what

was ultimately approved by the

towmship," Stoneman said. "We

did everything we could to assist

the township behind the scenes

... to enhance the architectural

integrity of what was being

built."

"We got what we asked for and

we should approve it," said

Daniel Munro, trustee. "I don't

think we want to be in a position

where someday we ask McDonald's to have blue arches," he

said referring to restricting

access to the easement.

The 121,839-square foot store,

which is expected to be open in

the fall, will be located on the

north side of Pontiac Trail west

of Haggerty where Walnut Lake

Road intersects.

It was my understanding that

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family services like child birth education, a breastfeeding program, and even pre- and postnatal exercise classes. We're planning to start a family soon, and all the programs I need are now available close to home.

My mother was interested in the Marian Women's Center menopause support group, which educates women and removes some of the mystery about this time of life.

And, if I want more information about health topics concerning women, I can attend specialized seminars throughout the year.

The Marian Women's Center cares about women. That's why St. Mary Hospital is my hospital.

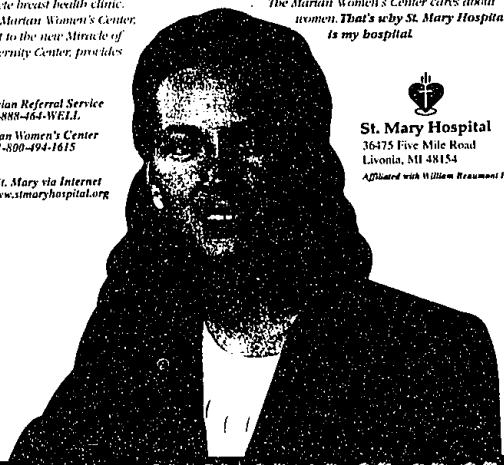
My doctor said I needed a few tests, and told me about St. Mary Hospital's new Marian Women's Center. It's close to home, and the staff is committed to keeping women healthy. I found a warm, caring atmosphere designed to help women feel comfortable.

The Center provides education and support programs for women of all ages. Diagnostic testing like mammography, radiology, and ultrasound are also available, as well as a complete breast health clinic.

The Marian Women's Center, adjacent to the new Allstate of Life Maternity Center, provides

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## RECREATION NEWS

### DOWNSHILL SKIING

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For further information regarding programs, contact the recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities.

### OPEN SKATE

The Ice Arena is open for skating. Fee is \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2 per person. A concession stand is also open. For specific days and hours call 478-8800.

### DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, don't pass up this opportunity for a fun-filled evening with your daughter(s) from 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7. The price is \$15 per couple. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 30, at the Special Services office.

### ADULT SOFTBALL

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division will take new team registration for men's, women's and co-ed softball starting Monday, Feb. 2. Call 473-9570.

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